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Letter dated 12 April 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Serbia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to inform you that the Republic of Serbia has formally nominated Mr. Vuk Jeremić, President of the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session and former Foreign Minister of the Republic of Serbia, as a candidate for the post of Secretary-General of the United Nations, in accordance with Article 97 of the Charter of the United Nations, relevant United Nations resolutions and other pertinent United Nations documents, letters and rules of procedure.

I kindly request that the present letter, the enclosed nomination letter from Mr. Aleksandar Vučić, Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia, and Mr. Jeremić's enclosed biography (see annex) be brought to the attention of the members of all Member States and circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 120, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Milan **Milanović**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Letter dated 12 April 2016 from the Prime Minister of Serbia addressed to the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council

On behalf of the Republic of Serbia, it is my honour to inform you that we have decided to nominate Mr. Vuk Jeremić for the post of Secretary-General of the United Nations, in accordance with Article 97 of the Charter of the United Nations, relevant General Assembly resolutions (including resolution 69/321), and other pertinent United Nations documents and rules of procedure.

We believe that Mr. Jeremić's extensive diplomatic experience acquired by virtue of serving as President of the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session and Foreign Minister of the Republic of Serbia qualify him as a candidate for the position of Secretary-General of the United Nations.

In nominating Mr. Vuk Jeremić, a national of the Republic of Serbia, for the position of Secretary-General of the United Nations, we reaffirm our support for the principle of geographic distribution for leadership positions in the United Nations system, noting that no individual from a Member State belonging to the Eastern European Group has ever held the post of Secretary-General of the United Nations.

I would be grateful if the present letter and its accompanying material (see enclosure) could be circulated to all Member States in accordance with relevant United Nations resolutions, documents, decisions and guidelines.

(*Signed*) Aleksandar Vučić
Prime Minister

Enclosure

Vuk Jeremić

Vuk Jeremić is the President of the Center for International Relations and Sustainable Development, a public policy think tank based in Belgrade, and Editor-in-Chief of *Horizons: Journal of International Relations and Sustainable Development*.

In June 2012, Mr. Jeremić was directly elected by the majority of world's nations to be the President of the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session, in the first contested vote since the end of the Cold War. During his term in office he launched the negotiations that led to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

As President of the General Assembly, he also facilitated the adoption of the breakthrough Arms Trade Treaty, the first legally binding instrument in the history of the United Nations to establish common standards for the international transfer of conventional armaments. Mr. Jeremić initiated several high-level thematic debates in the United Nations on critical issues such as climate change, education, social inequality, credit-rating agencies, international criminal justice and the peaceful resolution of conflicts in Africa. A record number of world leaders participated in them, helping the General Assembly to assume a more pronounced role in world affairs.

Mr. Jeremić served as Serbia's Minister for Foreign Affairs from 2007 to 2012. During his tenure, he paid official visits to over 100 countries and addressed numerous international summits and conferences. In 2007, he chaired the Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers. In 2011 and 2012, Mr. Jeremić led Serbia's successful campaign for the Chairmanship-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe for the year 2015.

Prior to becoming Foreign Minister, Mr. Jeremić served as an adviser to the President of Serbia and various government ministries. Before entering public service, Mr. Jeremić worked in London for Deutsche Bank, Dresdner Kleinwort Benson and AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals.

Mr. Jeremić holds a bachelor's degree in Theoretical and Experimental Physics from Cambridge University and a master's degree in Public Administration/ International Development from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. He was named a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum in 2013 and appointed to the Leadership Council of the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network in 2014.

Mr. Jeremić served as the President of the Serbian Tennis Federation from 2011 to 2015.